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Regional Development and Sustainability Committee	
Richard Conlin, Chair	
Issue	Description
Economic Development	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Float Loans and Section 108 Loans	Review and approve proposed Section 108 loans and possible CDBG float loans.
Confirmation of OED Director	Review qualifications of individual nominated by the Mayor to be OED Director. Confirm the appointment if appropriate.
Recovery Zone Bonds	Review and approve legislation authorizing use of the RZB program(s) to fund economic development projects in designated areas in the City.
Economic Development Stimulus Funding & Programs	Monitor development and approval of federal and or state economic development stimulus packages. Explore opportunities to secure funding from such packages. Review reports generated per American Recovery Act.
Buy Local Program	Monitor Implementation of Council initiated "Buy Local" program.
Green Economy Jobs	Monitor progress and develop strategies to increase the City's economic development activities to encourage green jobs and foster growth of the green economy.
Public Works Contracting	Explore strategies to strengthen utilization of women and minority owned businesses in the City's public works projects and to effectively provide notice of public work contracting opportunities.
Economic Development Issues in Southeast Seattle	Review Executive proposals related to economic development in Southeast Seattle, including recommendations from the Southeast Retail Study, and monitor on-going work of the Rainier Valley Community Development Fund. Review annual program performance of and long term financial planning for RVCDF.
Pioneer Square Revitalization	Track progress of Pioneer Square Revitalization Committee and facilitate Council responses.
Duwamish Economic Development Issues	Review Vision Duwamish Plan and develop legislation to implement environmental, community and economic actions.
Business Attraction and Retention Contracting	Review Executive proposal for contracting out funding for business attraction and retention program, per Council SLI.

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Coordinated Community Development Strategy	Review the Executive's proposal for a coordinated community development function that carries out key goals related to community development in the City. The Executive should explain how the proposed organizational structure will engage community partners, provide neighborhood business district support, support developing, updating, and implementing neighborhood plans for urban centers and villages, leverage regulatory tools, and take advantage of available financing mechanisms and other economic development strategies.
New Markets Tax Credit Program and other Lending Programs	Adopt program goals and procedures for New Markets Tax Credit Program. Review and approve, as appropriate, projects funded with program.
Economic Development for the Local Food Sector	Review report submitted to Council by the Office of Economic Development (OED) that identifies potential actions that could be taken to support the Food and Beverage sector as a key part of Seattle's economy. Review economic development opportunities analysis completed by Council consultants and identify next steps.
Tourism, Film & Music	Monitor economic development issues involving the tourism, film and music industries.
Emergency Management	
City-wide Emergency Preparedness and Mitigation Strategy	Monitor implementation of city and regional Emergency Response and Disaster Mitigation plans.
Unreinforced Masonry Buildings	Review policies and possible Building Code amendments addressing Unreinforced Masonry Buildings (URMs). Potential building code requirements could mandate seismic retrofits.
Resilient City Strategy	Initiate and implement policies that maximize Seattle's social and economic recovery and minimize impacts of disasters.
Legislative Department Preparedness Plan	Update and track implementation of the Legislative Department's emergency preparedness plan. Draft any further legislation or rule changes needed to implement the plan.
Disaster Preparedness Center	Monitor progress of regional collaboration to develop disaster preparedness training center. Participate on oversight committee for project.
Community Based Emergency Management	Identify strategies to increase community & neighborhood participation in Emergency Preparedness and build on the neighborhood emergency preparedness models developed.

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Sustainability & Environmental Issues	
Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE)	Monitor work plan progress.
Urban Forest Management	Review ongoing urban forestry initiatives and assist in related Committee decisions. Review or develop tree-related legislation emerging from the Urban Forest Management Plan including interim tree protection regulations. Develop Council issues, priorities and initiatives. Monitor progress of newly created Urban Forest Commission.
Climate Protection & Adaptation	Participate in developing the scope and track implementation of an OSE/SPU pilot project to test methods of incorporating climate protection early in project planning. Per Council SLI, review 2010-2011 work plan for identifying climate adaptation actions and priorities for the City. The Office of Sustainability and Environment will develop the work plan. Identify initiatives to focus on adaptation in City Departments.
Superfund Issues	Continue to monitor efforts to assess and manage potential liabilities and clean-up activities at several sites in the City, including the Duwamish River. Monitor city negotiations with Puget Sound Energy and other potentially liable parties relating to responsibility for clean-up of Gas Work Parks including methods to be used for compliance with the state Model Toxics Control Act.
Salmon and Natural Waterbodies	Track Restore Our Waters implementation; creek restoration efforts; and state, regional and City salmon recovery efforts.
Local Food Action Initiative	Continue implementation of the Initiative, including Committee decisions on Regional Food Policy Council legislation and development of a Food Action Plan. Review land use code amendments to further foster urban agriculture.
Food System Interdepartmental Team	Monitor development of a Food System Interdepartmental Team requested Council SLI. The purpose of the Food System Interdepartmental Team (IDT) will be to establish a strong interdepartmental focus among City departments on programs and policies affecting food system sustainability and security, identify ways to meet goals established in Resolution 31019, and to review and discuss implementation of a Seattle Food System Policy Plan. DON is requested to provide a briefing on the formation and structure of the IDT in Committee by March 30, 2010.
Interdepartmental Agreements on Using City Land for Urban Agriculture	Monitor development and implementation of clear guidelines and procedures for developing interdepartmental agreements for using City land for urban agriculture. A Council SLI requested the Department of Neighborhoods to develop such guidelines and to report back to Council on the guidelines and procedures by July 31, 2010.

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Incorporating Local Food Planning into Neighborhood Planning	Monitor development of planning tools to help neighborhoods incorporate planning for local and healthy food into the neighborhood planning process. These tools should implement recommendations from the Seattle Food System Policy Plan, appropriately applicable work from the American Planning Association on local food planning, work currently underway at Seattle King County Public Health Department on neighborhood based health initiatives, as well as any additional applicable recommendations and resources. The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) in coordination with the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) were requested in a Council SLI to complete this work.
Transfer of Development Rights for Agricultural Lands	Monitor Transfer of Development Rights agreement with King County and consider legislation.
Regional Issues	Participate in review of regional issues.
Office of Intergovernmental Relations	Participate in the development of City priorities for local, regional, tribal, state and federal governments to develop the partnerships needed to successfully advance common interests.
State and Federal Legislative Agenda	Participate in the development of the City's State and Federal legislative agendas.
Potential Annexations	Monitor state and regional discussions related to annexation of North Highline area. Continue reviewing options/costs and issues related to Seattle annexing the remaining unincorporated North Highline area and a possible annexation vote in fall 2010.
Sister Cities Program	Review and monitor.
Library	
Seattle Public Library	Monitor Seattle Public Library's overall budget (with emphasis on collections and operating hours). Review legislation as necessary.
Library Funding Options	Per Council SLI, participate with the City Librarian, the Library Board, the Executive, and the City Attorney's office in review of potential new sources of ongoing revenue for the Seattle Public Library (SPL) and provide report regarding this work. The written report should include, but not be limited to: (1) information on revenue sources used to fund libraries in other jurisdictions, (2) the pros and cons of any potential new revenue sources, (3) the amount and stability of those revenue sources, and (4) any changes in state or municipal law that would be required.
Open Government	
SEPA Public Notice	Prepare and review legislation to require that notice be published when certain SEPA determinations are made by City departments.
Government access and transparency	Follow-up work concerning 2009 committee actions on improving Council's open government policies.

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General Support	
Consulting	Reserve Central Staff days for unanticipated issues related to Economic Development, Environment, Sustainability, Emergency Management or Governmental Relations
Committee Coordinator	Coordination of Regional and Sustainable Development Committee work program.
External Committees and Boards and Commissions Oversight Assignments	
External Committees - Council Participation	Participate as a member of the following regional committees: King County Board of Health, Growth Management Planning Council of King County (GMPCKC), GMPCKC Executive Committee (Alt), King County Regional Water Quality Committee, Economic Development District (EDD), Watershed Forums: WRIA 9: Green-Duwawish.
Boards and Commissions - Oversight and/or Appointment Authority	Monitor and make recommendations on appointments as needed for Libraries for All Oversight Committee, Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees.